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Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: draft resolution

Strengthening the United Nations response to world food and hunger problems

The General Assembly,

Concerned about the world food situation, particularly in Africa, where drought and other factors have worsened the problems of hunger and malnutrition,

Stressing the urgent need for a more effective and well-coordinated United Nations response to world food and hunger problems,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/32 of 30 July 1992, and the decisions of the World Food Council at its eighteenth session, 1/

Regretting that the World Food Council, which was established to provide such a response, has, by its own admission, fallen short of achieving the political leadership and coordination role expected by its founders,

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Taking note of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Review of the World Food Council, 2/

1. Affirms the critical importance of establishing the most effective arrangements for the management and coordination of food issues in the United Nations system;

2. Underlines the need to consider how best the mandate and functions of the World Food Council might best be carried out in the wider context of the overall restructuring of the social and economic activities of the United Nations system;

3. Invites the Ad Hoc Committee on the Review of the World Food Council to continue its attempts to reach a consensus on appropriate measures to be taken, and to communicate any agreed conclusions to the General Assembly;

4. Decides to address these issues in the context of the discussions on restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields at the resumed forty-seventh session of the General Assembly envisaged in resolution 45/264, taking into account any consensus reached within the Ad Hoc Committee on the Review of the World Food Council.

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